THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY) : (a) to (d) National Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. (NMDC), Indian Rare Earths Limited (IREL), and Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. (KSIDC), have entered into an agreement to consider the possibility of setting up a Synthetic Rutile Plant at Chavara based on ilmenite produced by IREL. Accordingly a market survey and technological appraisal is currently being conducted. Details of the project along with the expected investment and time schedule would be firmed up after the results of the market survey and technology appraisal have been evaluated.

Demand of steel in States

†3312. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) what is the demand of steel in various States of the country including Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) the arrangements made for its supply alongwith the names of the States having maximum demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY) : (a) and (b) State-wise demand figures are not maintained in the Ministry. As per extant policy, the requirements of steel materials of SSI units in a State are routed through their respective Small Scale Industries Corporations (SSICs). The Ministry of Steel makes section/size wise allocation of steel materials for supply against their projected demand based on the availability from Main Producers. SSIC's of Chandigarh, Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Goa accounted for the maximum demand of steel vis-a-vis other states in the country.

Accidents at VSP

†3313. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the industrial accidents occured in the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant during the last three years alongwith the number of people died in these accidents;

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(b) the reasons of the said accidents and the total loss took place due to it; and

(c) the remedial measures proposed to be taken by Government for the safety of life and property and to prevent such accident in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) and (b) There were two fatal accidents, one each in 2000 and 2001, during the last three calendar years in Visakhapatnam Steel Plant in which two employees died. There were also a total of 310 non-fatal but reportable accidents the break up of which is 132 in 2000, 96 in 2001 and 82 in 2002. In these accidents 310 employees were injured. The reasons for the above accidents in the steel plant are slips and falls, burns, hits by moving objects and electrical shocks. There is no loss/damage to the plant and equipment due to the above accidents.

(c) (1) During the periodical Performance Reviews of the working of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant the industrial relations and safety management system in particular are reviewed and remedial action taken thereof. The Company has also reported that the occupational health and safety management system (OSHAS-18001) has been implemented in Visakhapatnam Steel Plant. Hazard identification and risk assessment is conducted for all the activities of the plant, extensive documentation is prepared for the procedures and records are being maintained. Control measures are being implemented. Objectives are set for each department and corresponding management programmes have been prepared and are being implemented for achieving the objectives. The functioning of the system is reviewed periodically by the Chief Executive of the Occupational Health and Safety Management System.

(2) All major and minor accidents are investigated to find out the causes and remedial measures are implemented in all cases.

(3) Regular inspections of the plant are carried out to find out unsafe conditions and unsafe practices. These are eliminated by taking remedial actions.

(4) Safety training programmes are conducted regularly for all the employees.

(5) All contract workers and their supervisors are also given safety training before they are put on the job.

(6) Workers who are required to work at heights are tested for working at height and height passes are issued to the successful workers.

(7) Permit to work for all the jobs related to the working at height is enforced.Continuous supervision is ensured. Daily checks are conducted.

(8) All works are carried out with Work Permit System. Strict protocol system is followed for gas safety.

(9) Electrical DOs and DON'Ts are published and followed strictly. Work permit and shut-down systems are followed.

(10) Risk Analysis and Emergency Management Plan is prepared and as a part of it, Plant Level Mock-drills are conducted. This is in addition to the 12 Mock-drills conducted at departmental level.

(11) External Safety Audit is being conducted once in a year and internal safety audits twice in a year for whole plant and recommendations were implemented.

(12) Job Safety Analysis for hazardous jobs are carried out and were implemented for safe operation and maintenance.

(13) Lot of emphasis is given on continuous basis for good house-keeping. House keeping competitions are conducted every year.

(14) Safety Promotional activities are organised like conducting safety weeks, National Safety Day celebrations, Crash Helmet campaigns.

(15) Safety messages were widely publicised through Safety bulletins, paintings, hoardings and through cable TV network.

(16) Quality Management System ISO-9001 and Environment Management System ISO-14001 were implemented.

(17) Central Safety Committee headed by In-charge of Works with the participation of Trade Union representatives meet periodically and review the safety of the plant.

(18) Departmental Safety Committee meetings are held in 25 departments under the chairmanship of the concerned Heads of Departments where Safety related problems in their departments are discussed.

Surrendering medals by Commonwealth medal winners

†3314. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sports persons being aggrieved by non-payment of declared amount due to be paid by Government to the Commonwealth medal winners, have surrendered their medals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to check the humiliating treatment being meted out to them as also to confer honours upon them; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) No, Sir. No sportspersons has surrendered his/her medal to the Government.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Transparency of Dope Testing Facility

3315. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI R.S. GAVAI:
SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tokyo Dope testing facility which is associated with IOC has charged the Indian Dope testing facility with non transparency;

(b) whether the Indian Dope testing facility is currently run by Sports Authority of India which is not associated with the IOC;

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